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PROVISIONAL SPECIFICATION.

Improvements in or connected with Stirrup Leathers for Riding Saddles.

I, ROBERT JONES, British subject, of Covert Side, 153, St. Helen's Road, Swansea, do hereby declare the nature of this invention to be as follows:—

5 This invention relates to stirrup leathers which are provided with means for lowering the stirrup while mounting.

In arrangements as heretofore proposed, it has usually been the practice to provide an extension on the stirrup strap which had to be left out or released temporarily to lower the stirrup, and when the rider was in the saddle looped up and secured on a hook or by other means.

15 My invention has for its object to provide a stirrup leather which will permit of the lowering of the stirrup by the application of a simple downward pull, but will automatically contract to the normal length when released, and consists in combining with the stirrup strap a resilient section such as a strip or strips of indiarubber or other elastic material, said resilient or elastic section being preferably interposed between one end of the strap and the buckle or other means of attachment to the saddle, and in providing means for limiting or preventing the undue stretching of the elastic section.

30 In one way of carrying out the invention—a section or length of indiarubber

of corresponding width to the stirrup strap is attached by sewing to one end of the stirrup strap or leather and is attached to the other end to the buckle for securing the stirrup leather to the saddle.

A slack limit strip of inextensible canvas tape or webbing is attached to the buckle and stirrup strap along side the indiarubber section in such manner, that it permits the rubber to stretch but limits the stretching to the extent required as will be readily understood.

A rubber band may be passed over the limit strip or tape and the elastic section.

The stirrup leather may be single or double, and the elastic section may be applied to any existing form of stirrup leather.

With the stirrup leather described, there are no complicated or difficult adjustments and the whole arrangement is exceedingly simple, compact and neat in appearance, and as an aid to mounting will be found much more convenient as compared with existing arrangements.

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COMPLETE SPECIFICATION.

Improvements in or connected with Stirrup Leathers for Riding Saddles.

65 I, ROBERT JONES, British subject, of Covertside, 153, Saint Helen's Road, Swansea, do hereby declare the nature of this invention and in what manner the same is to be performed, to be particu-

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larly described and ascertained in and by the following statement:—

This invention relates to stirrup leathers which are provided with means for lowering the stirrup while mounting.

In arrangements as heretofore proposed, it has usually been the practice to provide an extension on the stirrup strap which had to be let out or released temporarily to lower the stirrup, and when the rider was in the saddle looped up and secured on a hook by other means.

It has also been proposed to provide a stirrup leather which will permit of the lowering of the stirrup by the application of a simple downward pull, but will automatically contract to the normal length when released, by combining with the stirrup strap a resilient section such as a strip or strips of indiarubber or springs or other elastic material, said resilient spring or elastic section being preferably interposed between one end of the strap and the buckle or other means of attachment to the saddle, and in providing means for limiting or preventing the undue stretching of the elastic or spring section.

According to my invention which is illustrated in the accompanying drawing A section or length of indiarubber "D" of corresponding width to the stirrup strap "H" is attached by sewing to one end the stirrup strap or leather and is attached at the other end by a leather part "B" to the buckle "A" for securing the stirrup leather to the saddle.

A slack limit strap "F" of inextensible canvas tape or webbing is attached to the buckle and stirrup strap alongside the indiarubber section and permits the rubber to stretch but limits the stretching to the extent required as will be readily understood.

A rubber band may be passed over the limit strap or tape and the elastic or spring section.

The stirrup leather may be single or double.

For use when it is desired to prevent the stretching of the indiarubber, a leather strap "G" is secured to the stirrup strap "H" and is furnished with an eye to engage a hook or stud "E" secured by rivets "C" to the upper end of the section "D".

With the stirrup leather described there are no complicated or difficult adjustments and the whole is exceedingly simple, compact and neat in appearance, and as an aid to mounting will be found much more convenient as compared with existing arrangements.

My invention will afford an easy and secure means of mounting without any outside assistance to all classes of riders also in the case of tall or restless horses.

As a means of easy and safe mounting without assistance it will be invaluable to riders in the hunting field, also steeple-chasing jockeys and amateur riders will be provided with a safe and speedy means of remounting without any outside assistance in the case of a fall or other mishap in the field.

Having now particularly described and ascertained the nature of my said invention and in what manner the same is to be performed, I declare that what I claim is:—

A stirrup leather comprising a section or length of indiarubber attached to the stirrup strap or leather at one end and attached at the other end to a buckle to secure—the stirrup leather to the saddle and a slack limit strap or tape to limit the stretching of the elastic or spring section substantially as and for the purposes hereinbefore described and illustrated in the accompanying drawing.

Dated this 23rd day of July, 1923.

ROBERT JONES.

[This Drawing is a reproduction of the Original on a reduced scale]

